

by the very vigor that comes with this gift, this new energy.

Over Sunday, 25th of September gave out some word from God to the church at Louisville. No pastor there, tho the church is pushing along planning for more vigorous effort and expecting larger fruit. Need a little more of the life from above, which same thing is true of all of us.

Monday, 26th, enjoyed pleasant fellowship with brother J. L. Kimmel at Buckeye City. Found him happy, working and hopeful. He said, "In my former charge I so seldom saw a Brethren preacher that now I am delighted to have one come along." Had lodged myself in the home of Brother Ross before he returned from his Sunday appointment. Brother Ross is now busy in ministering in word and doctrine, in the church at Middlebranch and at Fairview. He came home bringing with him the marks of vigor and hopefulness.

On the following day I sought for brother S. B. Grisso but in vain. He had moved to Fredericktown. I am questioned about the missionary offerings frequently. The conference asks that every church give at least 25 cents per member to the State Mission work. The National Board works also in our district thro Brother Miller. Only the offerings sent to brother C. E. Deffenbaugh, Glenford, Ohio, can be counted on the amount asked by the conference. I find that much of the June Sunday-school offering was intended for the home work, but sent to Ashland. Very few cents of that has been of any use to the state work. Let us push the work.

J. M. BOWMAN, State Evangelist.
Glenford, O.

Our Western Work

Thinking some items from this part of the West might be of interest I make mention of a few.

OUR DISTRICT CONFERENCE

This was just held before the National Conference, and the time changed just on the eve of meeting and in the extreme heat of August, causing the crowd to be small. While this was so, the conference was good, and resulted in good. Those who remained at home missed a good time. I trust that next year our conference will be held at a different time of the year, and at a time when we can have a full turn out. Brother Hixson made a full report for the year. He has worked hard and deserves great credit for the good done. Indeed, his work will only be felt later on. The writer is now preparing the minutes for publication.

MY HOME CHURCHES

Carleton is progressing. Since my last report, two have been added by letter. There are some signs of a movement later on. I preach here just as in other days, morning and night in town, at a school-house south in the afternoon, going to Hamlin, Kans., every other Sunday. Of this point I will make some remarks at the close of the dedication

services. At Carleton we have a good school under brother Than. Easterbrooks, a C. E., with sister Jennie Bauman as leader, a K. C., with Brother Orsborne, as superintendent. Sister Whipkey of our Sister's Society, has collected dues from every member for the National Society, which is an evidence that the S. S. C. E. is alive. Sunday last, our congregations were large, and prayer and social services well attended. We are not only living ourselves, but we are helping other people live.

PONY CREEK CHURCH

Brother John Burnsworth is pastor. Brother C. F. Yoder of Warsaw, Ind., has been holding a meeting here for the past several weeks. So far eighteen conversions have been the result. Today there is an all day's union meeting. I left home last night to attend it, and am writing this at the home of brother E. L. Yoder, who kindly met me at Morrill, while the moon was high this morning, and extended as usual the hospitality of his home. The meeting was a success, closing with a love feast. The pastor, Brother Burnsworth, brother E. L. Yoder, C. F. Yoder, S. J. Harrison and self took part. Brother Harrison is hard at work in Falls City. He and his good wife and bright boy have a host of friends in the west.

SOME OTHER PLACES

I have visited Preston and Sabetha. The former place is where we held such a good meeting several years ago. It is now in charge of Brother Burnsworth. I lecture for them tonight to help secure an organ for the Sunday-school, of which sister Katie Reiger, is superintendent, and she can not be beat. Brother Wicks and Sister Grant's family are yet at the post of duty. Sister Wicks is a daughter of Brother Nedrow, of Falls City, and many eastern people will recognize the names. Sabetha has good people in it, more than Sodom had in it, and should be cared for better. Sister Cober still urges the work, and I wish we had more men to fall into line and help on the cause. Will have more to say about this place later on. Brother Henry Cober who has been helping Uncle Sam is home on a furlough. We are glad he missed Spanish bullets.

BETHANY

This congregation six years ago built a church home. In May '96 it was destroyed by that terrible cyclone that swept the country. Several efforts were made to rebuild, but circumstances retarded. I was re-called as pastor, and the church resolved to rebuild at Hamlin. Some had a preference for the old site and concluded to rebuild there. So Bethany now has two church buildings, one on the old site, and one in the town of Hamlin. I preach in Hamlin in connection with Carleton. Brother Burnsworth preaches at the old place in connection with Pony Creek and Preston. This church was dedicated by Brethren Burnsworth and Harrison, and at night the pastor baptized six persons. The church is nearly free from debt. I am told

there is about a hundred dollars due yet, and the way the women work that will soon be paid.

DEDICATION

Our church in Hamlin was dedicated yesterday, Oct. 2. The day was all that could be desired, and the people came from the North and the South and the East and the West, to sit down in this new part of the kingdom. Every seat was taken, eighty chairs were obtained, standing room was at a premium, and scores were turned away, not able to get inside. The church cost twenty-three hundred dollars, and eight hundred dollars remained to raise, and every cent of the amount was obtained. Every member stood at their post, and the friends were liberal. At night our congregation was an overflow. I shall give you a description later on. Thus you see the district is not dead, but liveth, and during the coming year will no doubt go on to perfection.

FINALLY, BRETHREN

I have some special messages and facts for the church at large, which I will issue before long.

JOHN DUKE MCFADEN.

Carleton, Neb.

Notices

There will be communion services at the Fairview church Oct. 22, 1898, to which there is extended a cordial invitation to all of like faith.

ISAAC ROSS, Pastor.

The Bethesda class near Pioneer, O., will hold meetings for a few evenings, beginning Oct. 18th and ending with communion service Oct. 23rd. We invite the brethren elsewhere to be with us.

HATTIE KANAUR.

The love feast of the Progressive Brethren church will be observed at Vinco, Pa., Oct. 23, 1898. Order of service: Preaching 4 P. M., sermon delivered by the writer. Subject, "A Right Heart." Then feet-washing, the Lord's supper and the communion in their regular order as Jesus instituted them. All members of the church, unless hindered by some unavoidable circumstances, should be present. A number of good spiritual hymns will be sung. Come both saint and sinner and thou shalt be blessed.

ALVIN BYERS.

Our communion will be held Saturday eve, Oct. 22, 1898. All of like faith and order who will attend are cordially invited.

DANIEL HENDRICKS.

Mt. Zion, Ohio.

Communion services will be held at the Fairview Brethren church, sixteen miles southwest of Lawrence, Kansas, on the evening of October 22. A cordial invitation extended.

S. W. METSKER.

Bond, Kansas.